It is my strong belief and fear that the disclosure of certain information would lead to identity theft and harassment of family members, not to mention the inevitable visitation of strangers to the gravesites, regardless of reason. The burial location is a place for friends and family to visit their loved one. It is a time of solace and reflection, especially for the families of those lost under such horrific events as on December 14, 2012. The funerals were held privately for a reason, and the release of these death certificates to anyone but family members would surely negate those wishes of privacy by their families.

We must adapt to our ever changing world. It is our responsibility to not only protect the innocent at all times, but in these incomprehensible circumstances, also those they leave behind.

Respectfully,

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